

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 86-87

REISSUING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
PORTOLA STATE PARK  
SAN MATEO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, hereinafter Board, finds that:

1. California Department of Parks and Recreation, Portola State Park, hereinafter discharger, submitted a Report of Waste Discharge dated November 6, 1986 for renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements.
2. Sewage from three single family residences and up to 200 day-use visitors and 180 campers is treated and disposed at the park. Design capacity of the treatment facilities is reported to be at least 5,000 gallons per day (gpd) and average dry weather flow in 1984 was 3500 gpd.

Sewage is treated in a primary clarifier and trickling filter and then sprayed on to a hillside for disposal. An alternate gravity spray disposal field can be used if the pump to the upper spray field fails. The spray disposal areas are about acre each in size, fenced, and located in the Pescadero Creek drainage area. Attachment 1 shows the location of the spray disposal fields and is a part of this Order.

3. The following agencies withdraw their drinking water supply from the Pescadero Creek at these distances downstream: San Mateo County Honor Ranch - 2.5 miles; San Mateo County Memorial Park - 5.5 miles; and Loma Mar Mutual Water Company - 6.5 miles. All agencies treat the water after withdrawal before pumping it into their distribution mains.

4. The discharge is presently governed by Waste Discharge Requirements, Resolution No. 22, which allow discharge onto a spray disposal field.
5. The Regional Board adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Region (Basin Plan) on July 21, 1982. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for Pescadero Creek and contiguous waters.
6. The beneficial uses of Pescadero Creek and contiguous water bodies are:
  - . Water contact and non-contact recreation
  - . Wildlife habitat
  - . Warm fresh water habitat
  - . Fish migration and spawning
  - . Municipal and domestic water supply
  - . Preservation of rare and endangered species
  - . Agricultural water supply
7. This Order serves as Waste Discharge Requirements, adoption of which is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100) of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code (CEQA) pursuant to Section 13389 of the California Water Code.
8. The discharger and interested agencies and persons have been notified of the Board's intent to issue revised requirements for the existing discharge and have been provided with the opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
9. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the discharger, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Prohibitions

1. There shall be no bypass or overflow of sewage from the collection, treatment, or disposal system to waters of the State.

2. The average dry weather flow shall not exceed 5,000 gpd. Average shall be determined over three consecutive dry weather months each year.
3. No wastewater effluent shall be applied to the effluent spray disposal area during periods of rainfall, when rainfall is anticipated, or for 48 hours after a rainfall.
4. The waste shall not be allowed to escape from the discharger's effluent disposal area into waters of the State via surface flow, resurfacing after percolation, or airborne spray.
5. No wastewater shall be applied to the effluent spray disposal area when soils are saturated to a point where effluent runoff is likely.
6. Wastewater ponding which could provide a breeding area for mosquitoes is prohibited.
7. The collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater shall not impair ground water quality.

B. Specifications

1. Waste at any place within one foot of the holding pond surface shall not exceed the following limits:

In any grab sample:

Dissolved Oxygen	2.0 mg/l minimum
Dissolved Sulfides	0.1 mg/l maximum
pH	6.0 minimum 9.0 maximum

2. Waste effluent, as discharged to the effluent spray disposal area, shall meet the following quality limit at all times:

In any grab sample:

5-day BOD	40 mg/l maximum
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3. A minimum freeboard of two feet shall be maintained in the holding pond at all times.
4. Wastewater disposal shall be limited to the areas specified in Finding 2 of this Order unless written authorization is obtained from the Board's Executive Officer for the use of additional area.
5. Wastewater effluent shall not be applied to the effluent disposal area whenever Specifications B.1. and/or B.2. are not being met.
6. The public shall be effectively excluded from the treatment plant, holding pond, and effluent disposal area. These areas shall be clearly identified with posted notices to the public. The method and form of notification and exclusion shall be subject to the review and approval of the Executive Officer.
7. All equipment including pumps, piping, valves, etc. which may at any time contain wastes shall be adequately and clearly identified with warning signs and the discharger shall make all necessary provisions, in addition, to inform the public that the liquid contained therein is wastewater and is unfit for human consumption.
8. The treatment plant and holding pond shall be protected from erosion, washout, and flooding from the maximum flood having a predicted frequency of once in 100 years.
9. The holding pond shall have sufficient capacity to contain all wastewater generated from the facility during the period from November 1 through March 31 during the wettest rainfall period expected once in ten years. An allowance for spray disposal may be permitted if the discharger demonstrates it to be appropriate.
10. The disposal area shall have sufficient capacity to dispose, during the period from April 1 through October 30, of all the waste received during the wettest year in ten years.

C. Provisions

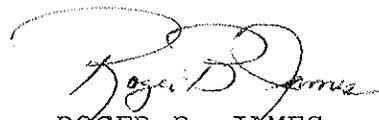
1. The discharger shall comply with all sections of this Order immediately upon adoption except as stipulated in Provision C.2. below.
2. The discharger shall comply with Prohibitions A.3. and A.5. and Specifications B.1., B.3., B.9. and B.10. in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
(1) Submit a summary of data collected for operating conditions during the 1986-1987 wet weather season (Nov. 1 thru Mar. 31) including: influent flows, dates and amounts of rainfall, and dates and amounts of waste pumped to the spray disposal area.	April 1, 1987
(2) Submit a water balance for the holding pond and spray disposal area necessary to handle wastewater from the wettest year expected once in ten years and a schedule for constructing the facilities necessary to achieve full compliance.	April 1, 1987
(3) Full compliance.	December 1, 1987
3. In reviewing compliance with Prohibitions A.3., A.4. and A.5., the Board will take special note of the difficulties encountered in achieving compliance during entire wet seasons having more rainfall than the maximum expected once in ten years.	
4. The discharger shall review and update his Operations and Maintenance Manual annually, or in the event of significant facility or process changes, shortly after such changes have occurred. Annual revisions, or letters stating that no changes are needed, shall be submitted to the Regional Board by April 15 of each	

year. A time schedule for completion of the initial revision shall be submitted by February 1, 1987. Documentation of operator input and review shall accompany each annual update.

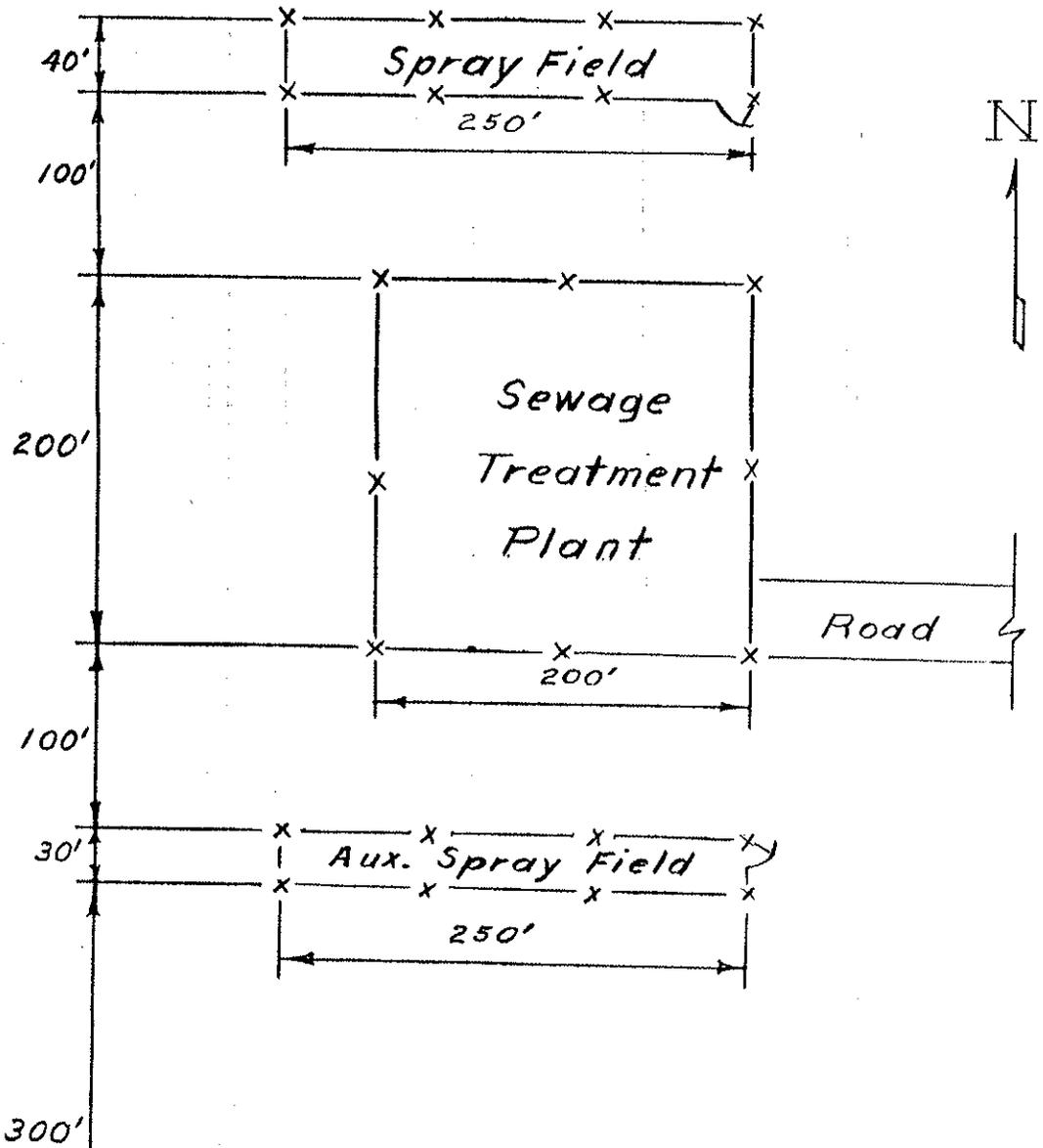
5. The discharger shall comply with the self-monitoring program as adopted by the Board and as may be amended by the Executive Officer.
6. The discharger shall comply with all items of the attached "Standard Provisions, Reporting Requirements and Definitions" dated April 1977, except items A.9, A.10, A.16, B.2, and B.3.
7. The requirements prescribed by this Order supersede the requirements prescribed by Resolution No. 22. Resolution No. 22 is hereby rescinded.

I, Roger B. James, Executive Officer do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on November 19, 1986.

  
ROGER B. JAMES  
Executive Officer

Attachments:

Attachment 1  
Standard Provision & Reporting  
Requirements, April 1977  
Self-Monitoring Program



Note:  
All distances are approximations

Pescadero Creek

STATE OF CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION		
Portola State Park Attachment 1		
DRAWN BY: DAM	DATE: 5-17-85	DRWG. NO. 1

PART B

I. DESCRIPTION OF SAMPLING STATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF SAMPLING, ANALYSES, AND OBSERVATIONS

A. EFFLUENT

<u>Station</u>	<u>Description</u>
E	At a point between the sewage treatment plant and spray disposal field.
H	At a point in the holding pond within 1 foot of the surface at least 25 feet from the discharge from the treatment plant (to become effective immediately after the holding pond is constructed and placed in operation).
S	At a point in the pipe to the spray field or just before discharge on the spray field (to become effective immediately after the holding pond is constructed and placed in operation).
L1 thru Ln	Every 200 feet along the down slope side of the spray area.
P1 thru P4	At each corner of the sewage treatment plant.

II. SCHEDULE OF SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

- A. The schedule of sampling and analysis shall be that given as Table I.
- B. Written reports shall be filed for each calendar quarter.

III. NOTIFICATION

The discharger shall promptly notify the Regional Board, San Mateo County Health Department, San Mateo County Memorial Park, San Mateo County Honor Ranch, and Loma Mar Mutual Water Company if wastewater is found flowing off the spray disposal area in violation of the Regional Board's Waste Discharge Requirements.

I, Roger B. James, Executive Officer, hereby certify that the foregoing Self-Monitoring Program:

1. Has been developed in accordance with the procedure set forth in this Regional Board's Resolution No. 73-16 in order to obtain data and document compliance with waste discharge requirements established in Regional Board Order No. 86-87.
2. Is effective on the date indicated below.
3. May be reviewed at any time subsequent to the effective date upon written notice from the Executive Officer or request from the discharger and revisions will be ordered by the Executive Officer.



ROGER B. JAMES  
Executive Officer

Effective Date NOVEMBER 25, 1986

Attachment:  
Table I



TABLE 1 (continued)

## SCHEDULE FOR SAMPLING, MEASUREMENTS, AND ANALYSIS

Sampling Station	E	H	S	L1 thru L4	P1 thru P4						
TYPE OF SAMPLE	O	O	O	O	O						
Mercury (mg/l & kg/day)											
Nickel (mg/l & kg/day)											
Zinc (mg/l & kg/day)											
Phenolic Compounds (mg/l & kg/day)											
All Applicable Standard Observations	D	D		1 D	D						
Bottom Sediment Analyses and Observations											
Tot. Ident. Chlori. Hydro- carbons (mg/l & kg/day)											

## LEGEND FOR TABLE

TYPES OF SAMPLES

C = grab sample  
 C-6 = composite sample - 6-hour  
 C-X = composite sample - X hours  
 (used when discharge does not  
 continue for 24-hour period)  
 Cont = continuous sampling  
 DI = depth-intergrated sample  
 BS = bottom sediment sample  
 O = observation

FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING

E = each occurrence  
 H = once each hour  
 D = once each day  
 W = once each week  
 M = once each month  
 Y = once each year

2/H = twice per hour  
 2/W = 2 days per week  
 5/W = 5 days per week  
 2/M = 2 days per month  
 2/Y = once in March and  
 once in September  
 Q = quarterly, once in  
 March, June, Sept.  
 and December

TYPES OF STATIONS

I = intake and/or water supply stations  
 A = treatment facility influent stations  
 E = waste effluent stations  
 C = receiving water stations  
 P = treatment facilities perimeter stations  
 L = basin and/or pond levee stations  
 B = bottom sediment stations  
 G = groundwater stations

2W/M - Every two weeks during the months of June, July, August, September and October; monthly in November through May.

(1) On each day when spray application occurs.